

High Demand Jobs in Health Services

Occupational Title	Employment		Annual Openings	Median Wage
	2000	2010		
Registered Nurses	9,743	12,202	443	\$25.46
Nursing Aides, Orderlies, & Attendants	6,803	8,289	235	\$11.07
Medical Assistants	1,079	1,585	79	\$10.86
Medical Secretaries	2,275	2,559	67	\$13.82
Licensed Practical Nurses	1,540	1,721	58	\$19.82
Maids & Housekeeping Cleaners	1,161	1,371	46	\$ 8.95
Home Health Aides	1,062	1,289	36	\$10.69
Medical & Health Services Managers	786	1,000	35	\$33.83
Food Preparation Workers	612	725	35	\$ 8.67
Radiologic Technologists & Technicians	815	975	34	\$21.73
Billing & Posting Clerks & Machine Operators	807	930	32	\$13.43
Medical Records Technicians	544	742	32	\$13.89
Physical Therapists	499	675	30	\$29.46
Dental Assistants	876	1,002	28	\$15.64
Receptionists & Information Clerks	857	944	28	\$10.89
Secretaries, Except Legal, Medical, & Executive	1,376	1,404	26	\$13.47
Medical & Clinical Laboratory Technologists	672	761	25	\$24.51
Dental Hygienists	591	740	23	\$25.71
Respiratory Therapists	350	488	23	\$20.95
Office Clerks, General	615	715	22	\$11.14
Bookkeeping & Accounting Clerks	1,102	1,102	21	\$14.72
Medical Scientists, Except Epidemiologists	457	552	20	\$17.89
Interviewers, Except Eligibility & Loan	365	486	20	\$13.21
Cooks, Institution & Cafeteria	450	506	18	\$12.38
Occupational Therapists	252	350	16	\$24.52
Janitors & Cleaners	405	493	16	\$10.13
Mental Health Counselors	515	562	15	\$13.65
Dietetic Technicians	259	344	15	\$12.05
Bill & Account Collectors	295	364	14	\$13.90
Medical Transcriptionists	285	346	14	\$14.68
Food Servers, Nonrestaurant	248	271	13	\$ 8.29

** Wage Rate reflects the median wage paid by RI employers classified in the Health Services Industry during May 2003.*

Opportunities in Health Services



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Rhode Island employment is expected to increase by over 50,000 jobs during the 2000 - 2010 period. Employment in 2010 is projected to reach 553,533; an increase of 50,143 (10.1%) from the 2000 employment level of 503,390.

As employment grows, the demand for new Health Services jobs will continue to grow resulting in the addition of over 10,500 Health Services jobs. Employment in RI's Health Services industry cluster is projected to grow at 19.4 percent, well above the projected 10.1 percent for all industries, and is expected to reach nearly 65,000 by 2010.

Over twenty percent of the new jobs that are expected to be created during the ten-year

projection period are expected to be in Health Services. Nearly fifty percent of the anticipated job growth will be in Hospitals. This industry is projected to add some 4,900 jobs by 2010. Above average job growth is also expected in Nursing and Personal Care Facilities (+2,527) and Offices and Clinics of Medical Doctors (+1,165).

Thirty percent of the workers in the Health Services are employed as Registered Nurses or as Nursing Aides/Orderlies and Attendants. It is projected that job growth among these two occupations will be very strong, accounting for one-third of the new jobs that are expected in Health Services. A substantial number of openings will also be available for those interested in working as Medical Assistants, Medical Secretaries and Home Health Aides. (See table on back.)

Health Service's Fastest Growing Jobs

Computer Support Specialist
Speech Language Pathologists
Medical Assistants
Physician Assistants
Social and Human Service Assistant
Cardiovascular Technologists & Technicians
Physical Therapist Assistants
Respiratory Therapists
Substance Abuse & Behavioral Disorder Counselors
Occupational Therapists
Medical Records and Health Information Technicians
Physical Therapists
Interviewers
Dietetic Technicians
Medical and Public Health Social Workers

Rhode Island 2010 Projections

Employment in Health Services

	2000	2010	Numeric Change	Average Annual Wage
Health Services, Total	54,225	64,758	10,533	\$37,605
Health and Allied Services, NEC	2,390	3,100	710	\$30,672
Home Health Care Services	3,228	3,400	172	\$21,805
Hospitals	24,227	29,100	4,873	\$40,226
Medical and Dental Laboratories	1,029	1,230	201	\$49,636
Nursing and Personal Care Facilities	11,547	14,074	2,527	\$24,175
Offices and Clinics Of Dentists	2,689	2,850	161	\$35,574
Offices and Clinics Of Medical Doctors	7,335	8,500	1,165	\$58,302
Offices of Osteopathic Physicians	313	350	37	\$42,265
Offices of Other Health Practitioners	1,467	2,154	687	\$30,753

Job openings result from two major factors: the need to replace workers who leave an occupation because of a job change, retirement, or death, and the need to fill vacancies created by economic expansion. It is projected that during the 2000 – 2010 projection period, employers classified in the Health Services industry will need to find workers to fill more than 20,300 job openings. Fifty-two percent (10,533) of the job openings are attributed to economic growth the other 48 percent (9,785) are due to employee turnover. Rhode Island's Health Services industry will seek to fill more than 2,000 positions each year, 75 percent are from the occupations listed on the following table: (See back of brochure).